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Durham Offers Economic Forecasting Seminar

Free FY14-15 Seminar Series Designed to Support Small Business Growth

What: Economic Forecast for Small Business Development in Durham through 2016

Who: City of Durham Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department

When: Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

101 City Hall Plaza, 1st Floor

Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- This free seminar, conducted by Senior Planner Aaron Cain with the Durham City/County Planning Department, will present an economic forecast for Durham through 2016. The seminar will look at expected business and industrial expansion during this timeframe as well as provide important information for business opportunity planning for both existing businesses and start-ups.
- Participants are asked to pre-register by visiting http://bit.ly/1dLMwlg or by contacting Senior Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Specialist Vincent Wingate at Vincent.Wingate@DurhamNC.gov or (919) 560-4180, extension 17241.
- This seminar series was developed by the City's Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department to
 provide technical assistance services to local, small businesses for this fiscal year. For more information on
 the FY 14-15 Workshop Series for Small Businesses, visit http://bit.ly/1zhXTM9.

About the Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department

The City of Durham's <u>Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department</u> is responsible for the implementation of the City's Equal Business Opportunity Program. Responsibilities include implementation of race and gender neutral measures to facilitate the participation of Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (SDBE) in City contracting activity, recruitment, certification, and maintenance of SDBE data bank, business development, City project compliance, monitoring, and reporting. Guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, the department ensures that its services support making Durham a great place to live, work, and play by focusing on a strong and diverse economy, assuring that City efforts are well managed, and supporting the stewardship of the City's physical assets.

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